

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A device for preparing a beverage by injecting water through a capsule containing a substance comprising at least one water-injection system for introducing water inside the capsule,

the water-injection system can be switched allowing for a selection to be made between at least two different modes of wetting the substance so as to adapt wetting in accordance with the type of capsule and/or the nature of the substance contained in the capsule, wherein the water-injection system can be actuated to modify the injection configuration in accordance with at least two possible modes, the two modes having between them at least one distinctive feature selected from the group consisting of an injection direction, a number of injection spikes, and a radial and/or depth position of injection into the capsule.

Claims 2-21 (canceled):

Claim 22 (previously presented): Device according to Claim 1 wherein at least one of the injection temperature or the injection flow rate in the capsule are switchable.

Claim 23 (currently amended): Method for preparing a beverage by injection of water through a capsule containing a substance, the liquid being injected through the capsule in accordance with at least two different injection modes, wherein each injection mode can be selected as a function of a characteristic selected from the group consisting of the type of capsule and the nature of the substance contained in said capsule, and wherein the two modes have between them at least one distinctive feature selected from the group consisting of an injection direction, a number of injection spikes, and a radial and/or depth position of injection into the capsule.

Claims 24-30 (canceled):

Claim 31 (new): A device for preparing a beverage by injecting water through a capsule containing a substance comprising at least one water-injection system for introducing water inside the capsule,

the water-injection system can be switched allowing for a selection to be made between at least two different modes of wetting the substance so as to adapt wetting in accordance with the type of capsule and/or the nature of the substance contained in the capsule, wherein the water-injection system comprises at least one perforation and injection element that can be displaced in the capsule into at least two distinct positions with reference to a perforated surface of the capsule.

Claim 32 (new): Device according to Claim 31, wherein the perforation element can be displaced in accordance with two different depths in the capsule.

Claim 33 (new): Device according to Claim 32, wherein the perforation element can be displaced into a first, upper position in the capsule for wetting the substance contained in the capsule via the top and a second, low position in the capsule for wetting the substance contained in the capsule via the bottom.

Claim 34 (new): Device according to Claim 32, wherein the perforation element can be displaced into a first, upper position in the capsule in which at least one injection spike is uncovered in the capsule and a second, lower position in the capsule in which a greater number of injection spikes are uncovered in the capsule.

Claim 35 (new): Device according to Claim 31, wherein the water-injection system comprises at least a first perforation and injection element and at least a second perforation and injection element, distinct from the first perforation and injection element, which elements can be displaced relative to one another, each affording a different mode of wetting the substance in the capsule.

Claim 36 (new): Device according to Claim 35, wherein the first and second elements can be displaced in phase opposition relative to one another into at least a first position in which the first element is in engagement in the capsule and the second element is retracted from the capsule and, conversely, a second position in which the first element is retracted from the capsule and the second element is in engagement in the capsule.

Claim 37 (new): Device according to Claim 35, wherein the second injection element is a multi-spike plate for perforating, upon its engagement in the capsule, the surface of the capsule at multiple locations.

Claim 38 (new): Device according to Claim 35, wherein the second element is an injection spike located substantially in a center of the capsule and configured so as to produce multidirectional, divergent sprinkling in the form of at least one thin layer of water.

Claim 39 (new): Device according to Claim 35, wherein the first element comprises at least one injection point inside the capsule in the form of a jet configured so as to create, in the capsule, a swirling movement that mixes the liquid with the substance.

Claim 40 (new): Device according to Claim 31, wherein an actuating means is provided for displacing at least said perforation and injection element selectively into the two positions by recognizing at least one of a size or a geometry of the capsule.

Claim 41 (new): Device according to Claim 40, wherein the actuating means comprises at least one support integral with said perforation and injection element, which support can be displaced elastically relative to a head base, the actuating means comprising at least one detection means for moving the actuating means relative to the head base by complementary engagement of an edge of the capsule.

Claim 42 (new): Device according to Claim 41, wherein the injection system comprises a single, central injection spike integral with the actuating means so as to be positioned in a low position in the capsule when the detection means does not encounter a complementary edge of the capsule and an upper position in the capsule when the detection means encounters and engages a complementary edge of the capsule.

Claim 43 (new): Device according to Claim 42, wherein the central injection spike is configured so as to produce multidirectional, divergent sprinkling in the form of at least one thin layer of water.

Claim 44 (new): Device according to Claim 43, wherein the thin layer extends continuously over the periphery of the spike and sprinkles the substance in the capsule substantially circularly.

Claim 45 (new): Device according to Claim 43, wherein a number of discontinuous layers of water extend substantially distributed over the periphery of the spike.

Claim 46 (new): Device according to Claim 43, wherein the thin layer of water has a thickness of less than or equal to 0.5 mm.

Claim 47 (new): Device according to Claim 42, wherein the spike is configured so as to open due to water pressure against an elastic element, so as to free a passage having a thickness that is determined as a function of the pressure and thereby to create said layer of water.

Claim 48 (new): Device according to Claim 41, wherein the water-injection system comprises a first injection and perforation element in the form of an off-center injection spike integral with the actuating means and a second injection and perforation element in the form of a multi-spike plate connected to the actuating means by a rocker-type command means and is mounted so that it can be displaced relative to the head base, said multi-spike plate thus being moved into a position for perforation of the surface of the capsule when the detection means of the actuating means encounters and engages a complementary edge of the capsule and is moved into a position of retraction relative to the surface of the capsule, consequently allowing the entry of the injection spike into the capsule when the detection means does not encounter the complementary edge of the capsule.

Claim 49 (new): Device according to Claim 48, wherein the head base forms a hollow assembly for guiding the multi-spike plate and has sealing rims that close over a collector for receiving the capsule, the injection spike being in communication with said assembly in order to distribute the water in the hollow assembly through or substantially at the level of the multi-spike plate.

Claim 50 (new): Method for preparing a beverage by injection of water through a capsule containing a substance, the liquid being injected through the capsule in accordance with at least two different injection modes, wherein each injection mode can be selected as a function of a characteristic selected from the group consisting of the type of capsule and the nature of the substance contained in said capsule, wherein the liquid is injected in accordance with at least two modes in which the injection point is spatially distinct and/or differs in terms of number, and wherein the liquid is injected in accordance with two injection modes that define two distinct injection depths in the capsule.

Claim 51 (new): Method according to Claim 50, wherein the liquid is injected in accordance with at least two injection modes in which the speed of introduction of the liquid into the capsule is different.

Claim 52 (new): Method according to Claim 50, wherein the liquid is injected in accordance with a first mode so as to create, in said capsule, a swirling movement of the injected liquid, giving rise to mixing with said substance.

Claim 53 (new): Method according to Claim 52, wherein the liquid is injected in accordance with a second mode so as to form a sprinkling from several entrance points into the capsule at an injection speed that is slower than in the first mode.

Claim 54 (new): Method for preparing a beverage by injection of water through a capsule containing a substance, the liquid being injected through the capsule in accordance with at least two different injection modes, wherein each injection mode can be selected as a function of a characteristic selected from the group consisting of the type of capsule and the nature of the substance contained in said capsule, wherein the appropriate injection mode is selected automatically by recognition of at least one characteristic selected from the group consisting of a size and the particular form of the capsule.

Claim 55 (new): Method according to Claim 54, wherein the selection of the injection mode is made in accordance with two positions depending on whether or not the capsules have an engagement edge.